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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action ("OA") dated July 13, 2005, for which a response was initially due on October 13, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 13, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith: Transmittal letter, Fee Transmittal, Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time; and Fax cover sheet.

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